

REPORT
OF THE SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

LEMPSTER, N. H.

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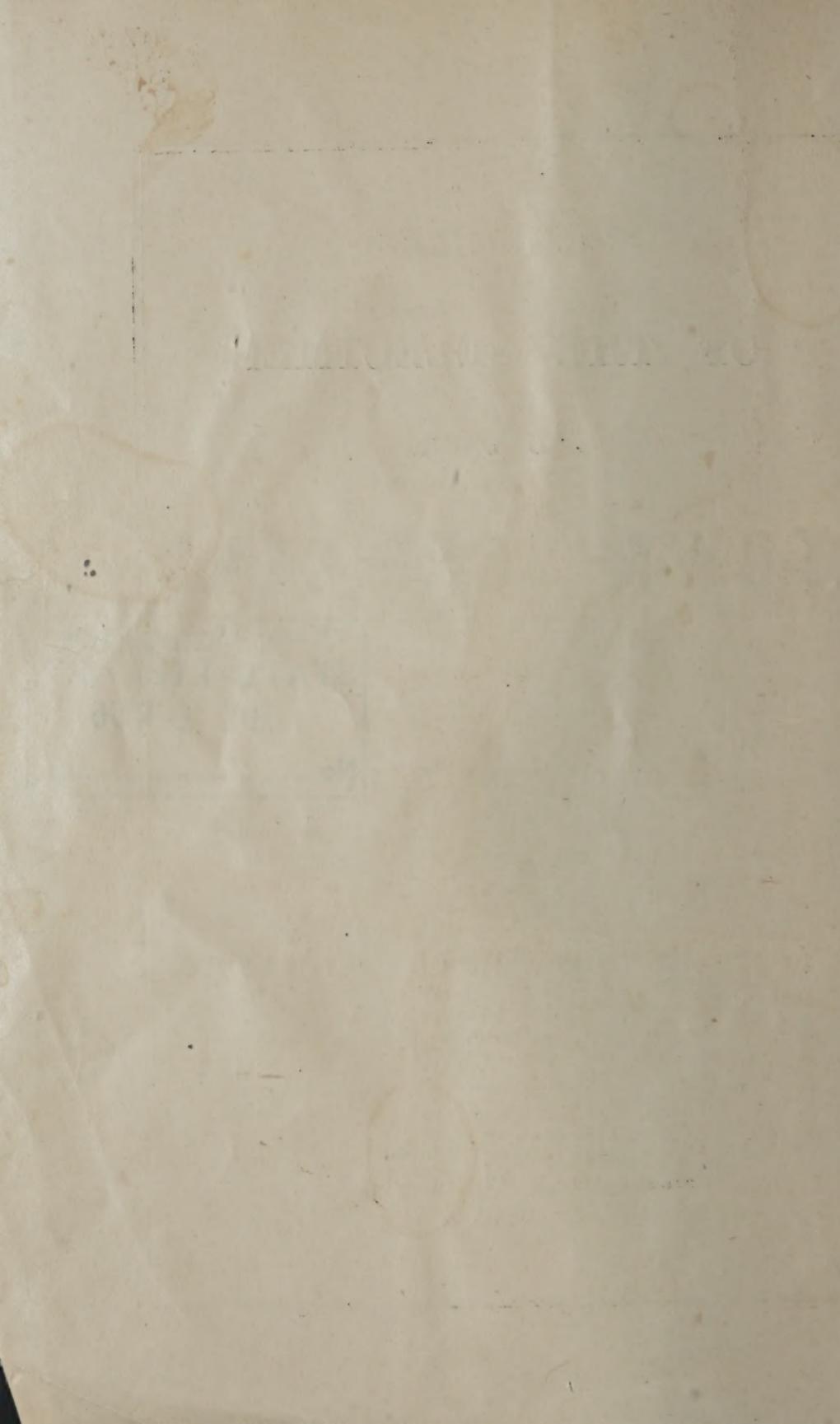
—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1st, 1886.

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**REPORT
OF THE
Officers of the Town of Lempster.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st 1886.**

RECEIPTS.

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| Last annual assessment, | \$2,949.67 |
| Highway Tax of the year 1884, not worked out July 1st 1885, | 11.89 |
| Received of the County for the support of County paupers, | 170.35 |
| Received of State, Bank Tax for 1885, | 530.10 |
| " of State, Literary Fund, for 1885, | 75.64 |
| " Rent on School Land, | 19.16 |
| " Bounty on Woodchucks, | 33.30 |
| Borrowed of Jacob Wellman, | 100.00 |
| " First National Bank of Newport, | 500.00 |
| " of Samuel Blanchard, | 800.00 |
| " of Marietta Blanchard, | 208.65 |
| " of Universalist Society, | 1,000.00 |
| Received for use of Town House, | 5.00 |
| Due on Tax Bill of 1884, | 840.65 |
| TOTAL. | \$7,244.41 |

EXPENDITURES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1886.

TOWN OFFICERS.

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| Paid Hiram Parker as Moderator, | \$2.00 |
| " " " as Auditor, | 2 00 |
| " Wm. T. Thissell, as Selectman, | 31.75 |
| " Wm. C. Sabine, " | 9.25 |
| " Wm. A. Morrison, " | 30.00 |
| " Henry Walker, " | 30.00 |
| " Wm. A. Morrison, Overseer of Poor, | 18.00 |
| " L. B. Allen as Treasurer, | 20.00 |
| " A. W. Mitchell, S. S. Committee, | 35.00 |
| " F. C. Parker & Wm. A. Bowen as Town Clerk, | 29.00 |
| " Charles H. Pitkin as Collector, | 23.00 |
| " Isaac H. Hodgman as Supervisor, | 2.00 |
| TOTAL, | \$232.00 |

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

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| No. 1. Paid James A. Evans, | \$87.60 |
| " 2. " Wm. E. Perry, | 72.60 |
| " 3. " H. D. Nichols, | 69.20 |
| " 4. " L. C. Booth, | 53.05 |
| " 5. F. G. Pollard, | 53.52 |
| " 6. Mrs. S. P. Little, | 29.51 |
| " 7. L.-A. Honey, | 75.21 |
| " 8. Charles Putnam, | 81.90 |
| " 9. H. N. Pike, | 42.93 |
| Paid High school Committee, | 150.00 |
| " Wm. A. Morrison & D. B. Wheeler, Money paid to Aeworth, | 4.34 |
| TOTAL, | \$719.86 |

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Wm. A. Morrison, Overseer of Poor, \$186.85

NOTES TAKEN UP AND ENDORSEMENTS.

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| Paid Emily Eaton, endorsement, | \$12.00 |
| " R. G. Dodge. " | 173.32 |
| " Iantha Nichols, Note taken up, | 872.46 |
| " First National Bank of Newport, | 507.75 |
| " Marietta Blanchard, Note taken np, | 208.65 |
| " Universalist Society " " | 1,050.40 |
| TOTAL, | \$2,824.58 |

BREAKING ROADS

IN THE SPRING OF 1885 AT 10 CTS. PER HOUR.

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| Paid Arthur K. Hodgman, | \$18.35 |
| " James Maddocks, | 17.25 |
| " Charles F. Carr, | 2.05 |
| " Wm. H. Severens, | 4.90 |
| " Charles W. Blake, | 15.86 |
| " A. J. Mitchell, | 12.50 |
| " E. R. Roundy, | 5.85 |
| " Mathew Jameson, Jr., | 14.75 |
| " John Nichols, | 6.20 |
| " Henry Walker, | 3.20 |
| " C. D. Stafford, | 4.00 |
| " Sumner Eaton, | 6.75 |
| " Abram Bean, | 4.25 |
| " Wm. H. Severens, | 2.55 |
| " A. F. Perley, | 1.90 |
| TOTAL, | \$120.36 |

PLANK AND LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

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| Paid A. K. Hodgman, Labor on Highway, | \$7.08 |
| " Hezekiah Fuller, " " | 7.00 |
| " Wm. F. Bruce, " " | 4.10 |

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| Paid Pollard Brothers, 1364 feet of Timber and Plank, | \$12.27 |
| " A. B. George, Timber, | 2.72 |
| " A. K. Hodgman, Labor on Highway, 13.36 | |
| " Wm. F. Bruce, " " 4.50 | |
| " Abram Bean, " " 8.40 | |
| " Henry Walker " " 2.90 | |
| " A. K. Hodgman " " 3.00 | |
| " Jacob Wellman, 9 hours' Labor, 1.08 | |
| " Abram Bean, 16 1-2 hours' Labor, 1.65 | |
| " W. W. Mooby, cutting bushes 10 hours, 1.20 | |
| " Chas. Putnan, 3,683 ft. plank & timber, 31.30 | |
| " John O'Brine, 42 hours' labor, 504 | |
| " John Wheeler, 57 hours' labor, 6.84 | |
| " Wm. C. Sabine, timber & labor, 4.96 | |
| " Henry Hurd, bridge timber & labor on highway,..... 4.00 | |
| TOTAL, | \$121.30 |

Damage done to Sheep by Dogs in 1884, 19.40

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

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| Paid H. N. Pike, entertainment of Town Officers, | \$15.00 |
| " H. N. Pike for keeping tramps, 1.50 | |
| " Treasurer for money overdrawn March 1st, 1885, | 57.58 |
| " F. H. Howe, printing town reports, 9.00 | |
| " J. N. Butler, recording births & deaths, 3.75 | |
| " Marshall Perkins " " " .50 | |
| " C. A. Allen, " " " 1.25 | |
| " F. P. Jones, " " " .25 | |
| " H. N. Pike, repairing house, 11.52 | |
| " Wm. E. Perry, school-house tax, Dist. No. 2, | 15.00 |
| " H. A. Makepeace, school-house tax Dist. No. 7, | 25.00 |

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| Paid H. W. Parker, Legal Advice, | \$1.00 |
| " Wm. T. Thissell, expenses taking the invoice, | 3.15 |
| " C. D. Stafford, 5 cords wood for the use of the town, | 14.50 |
| " Homer Beckwith, over Tax, | 1.88 |
| " Sate Tax for 1885, | 512.00 |
| " County Tax for 1885, | 549.89 |
| " L. B. Allen, for bounty on Wood- chucks, | 33.30 |
| " E. C. Eastman, for books, and Sta- tionery, &c. for town | 6.00 |
| " E. C. Converse for order and re- ceipt books, | 1.70 |
| " L. B. Allen, for interest on \$120.00 for 9 months and 13 days, | 5.64 |
| " Abram Bean, for damage to Plow, | 3.00 |
| " W. W. Moody, for care of Town House, | 15.75 |
| " W. W. Moody for tolling bell, | 2.00 |
| " Keyes Brothers, for Watering tub, | 2.00 |
| " " " Guide Post, .. | 1.25 |
| " M. A. Thurber, Watering Tub, | 1.50 |
| " H. O. Allen, " " | 1.50 |
| " W. W. Moody, " " | 1.50 |
| " A. W. Mitchell, books purchased for indigent children, | 2.37 |
| " E. B. Abbott, repairing Scraper, | 2.25 |
| " George Youngman, for Non-resi- dent highway receipt, | 2.20 |
| " E. T. Scranton, damage to plow, ... | 2.50 |
| " J. G. Robinson, boarding tramps, .. | 2.00 |
| Remaining on Tax Bill of 1884, | 106.64 |
| Abatement on Tax Bill of 1884, | 2.88 |
| Non-resident highway receipts on Tax Bill of 1884, | 11.88 |

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| Remaining on tax bill of 1885, | \$668.66 |
| Abatements on tax bill of 1885..... | 15.94 |
| Non-resident highway receipts for 1885 | 78.07 |
| Abatement of the highway tax of 1884 committed to collector of 1885, July | |
| 1st, 1885, | 3.52 |
| Paid George W. Town, services as Sexton, and furnishing hearse cloth,... | 36.50 |
| TOTAL, | \$2,233.32 |

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| The Selectmen charge themselves with the receipt of | \$7,244.41 |
| Disbursements amount to | 6,457.67 |
| Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer of | \$786.74 |

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN MARCH 1st, 1886.

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| Emily Eaton, | \$300.00 |
| Marrietta Blanchard, | 208.65 |
| Samuel Blanchard, | 300.00 |
| " " | 800.00 |
| Universalist Society, | 1,000.00 |
| A. J. Parker, | 151.18 |
| R. G. Dodge, | 800.00 |
| Jacob Wellman, | 200.00 |
| Jacob Wellman, | 100.00 |
| Henry Walker, | 302.00 |
| Amount of Notes, | \$4,161.83 |
| Interest on Notes, | 171.52 |
| Total Indebtedness, | \$4,333.35 |

ASSETTS.

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| Due on Tax Bill of 1884, | \$106.64 |
| Interest on said bill, | 31.47 |
| Due on Tax Bill of 1885, | 668.66 |
| Due from the County for the support of County Paupers, | 16.50 |
| In the hands of the Treasurer, | 786.74 |
| TOTAL Assets | \$1,610.01 |

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| Total Liabilities, | \$4,333.35 |
| Assets deducted, | 1,610.01 |
| ACTUAL INDEBTEDNESS, | <u>\$2,723.34</u> |

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| Indebtedness March 1st, 1885, | \$3,637.41 |
| " " 1st, 1886, | 2,723.34 |
| Reduction of debt, | <u>\$914.07</u> |

W. C. SABINE,
Wm. A. MORRISON,
HENRY WALKER, } Selectmen
of
Lempster.

I, the undersigned, Auditor of the town of Lempster,
have examined the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer,
and find them properly vouched and correctly cast, and
the records kept in a business like manner.

HIRAM PARKER, AUDITOR.

LEMPSTER, FEB. 27th, 1886.

SCHOOL REPORT.

REPORT of the Public Schools of Lempster, to the citizens. Respectfully Submitted.

District No. 1.

Miss Flora B. Baker of Marlow taught the summer term of 11 scholars for 8 weeks.

The school was very quiet, orderly, and the pleasantest relations existed. The progress was hardly fair, but thorough. The services of Miss Cora F. Sabine were secured for the winter term of 9.6 weeks, with 14 pupils.

Miss S. sustained in every particular the reputation she has so long enjoyed.

This district, I am sorry to say, has for several years been noted for its masterly inactivity. The scholars, at least, are too afraid of injuring their constitutions by hard study. The truth is, it cannot make a very good exhibition for the district having the most money, still the money does not buy so much schooling as it ought—as it would in any other.

District No. 2.

The summer term of 7 weeks, 9 pupils was successfully conducted by Miss Jennie C. Jameson. Commendable attention was given by the teacher to instruction in general information. A second term of 10 weeks from Oct. 12th to Dec. 18th with 14 scholars, Mrs. Elsie J. Cowdrey of Unity as teacher, concluded the year. The school waned in number, order, and interest during the term; a few made fair progress. The teacher wanted push, the scholars application.

District No. 3.

The summer term of 8 weeks, and 8 pupils, also a fall term of 9 weeks and 12 scholars, were taught by Miss Addie C. Currier. Both were eminently successful from the pleasant relation existing between teacher and pupils, and the discretion and untiring efforts of Miss C., which alone is ever the price of success. The decorations of the house at close of summer term were the finest we ever saw. Truely the love of the beautiful should be cultivated.

District No. 4.

Miss Nellie J. Mitchell taught the summer term of 8 weeks and 8 scholars with good results.

The affection of teacher for scholars, and scholars for teacher has been well marked this year, and we deem it a favorable symptom. The winter term 8 weeks, 13 pupils, was conducted by Miss Currier. The report of No. 3. will apply here as well.

District No. 5.

Miss Hattie Nichols served the district in both terms, first, 6 weeks, 9 scholars; the second, 12 weeks, 15 scholars. The summer term was very pleasant, orderly, and profitable. In the winter some made remarkable progress, but there was a little dissatisfaction and non-attendance, which it was said was due to a feeling that the teacher was not qualified. We think Mrs. N. was, as required by law, but do not doubt it would have been profitable to have gone higher.

District No. 6.

The only term was taught by Mrs. Nichols, length 10 weeks, number, 8. Under most discouraging circumstances, the result was very satisfactory to me, and reflects credit to the teacher. We trust the new law will be of advantage to this district.

District No. 7.

Miss Kate Egan, of Unity taught the summer session, 10 weeks, 13 scholars. This was Miss Egan's first attempt. Her age and inexperience made us apprehensive, but passing a ready examination, she entered on her duties with energy and willingness, and was successful. Experience, the judgement which should come with years, and a little good advice heeded, will increase her value as a teacher. Mr. Ora L Walker, also of Unity, commenced the winter term, but, finding the demands of 12 scholars too severe, resigned. After 2 weeks of interruption, the High School being finished, your committee reopened the school, now increased by seven, and 5 weeks later concluded it about as usual in terms past. It was the easiest school I ever taught, and VERY, VERY pleasant, thanks to the scholars and good people of the district.

District No. 8.

In both the summer term of 8 weeks with 10 scholars, and the winter of 7 weeks with 12 scholars, Miss Cathie Putnam presided. The first term was a very good one. the second, a failure, due to a meddlesome, fault finding disposition on the part of the people, the chronic rudeness and indolence of the pupils, and the rather hap-hazard, perhaps sometimes injudicious management of the teacher. The price paid in the winter, at least, was unreasonable for the value received, \$21.80 per month.

District No. 9.

Miss Ida R. Thompson taught the only term of 7 scholars, continuing 12 weeks. The school passed along quietly; but little hard work was done any where. Indeed the pupils were quite small and few, still we were not quite satisfied, as there was abundant time for crowding each scholar as he should be in a one term district.

The High School began Aug. 25th, continued 11 weeks, registered 41 students, and was under the care and instruction of your humble servant. Of the success we hardly feel like judging openly. Certainly the students did all that could reasonably be required of them. They are a class of which parents, friends, and citizens, like myself must be justly proud; not so much for what they have done, as for what they are willing, and are going to do. Those who had attended the High did more and better work in the districts than those who had not. Think of that when the subject of High School for '86 comes up, and act accordingly, \$150.00 can be expended in no way so wisely, so profitably, as in supporting each year a High school for them.

IN BRIEF GENERAL.

THE schools have been unusually quiet and successful, and the examinations good. Most of the teachers have done all in their power, few considered it paid play and failed to apply rigid work.

Let teachers watch the scholars in school, themselves out; do not attempt to teach that which you have but imperfectly mastered; learn to perfectly govern self before trying to govern others; have courage and patience and rigid work; do not wait for the scholars to lead the way.

Let the people take more interest in this paramount subject, and every parent bestow that which is in their power, and that best of all gifts, a good education.

I have supplied to districts desiring, through the kindness of Dr. Allen, globes at cost in Boston, 50cts., equal with care to the \$5.00 globes. I did not intend to introduce a new book, but I found the old readers in such a dilapidated condition, and a new book so far ahead, at such a generous price, saw it was the best way to mend the old ones. So, shutting my eyes to the work it was to make me, I ordered an exchange, and now only hope you like the new ones as I do, and appreciate the fact that no such generous terms were ever offered in Lempster. They can be purchased at Mr. Parker's store in town.

Dungleson's physiologies, which we used in the High is a standard work, and contains all required concerning narcotics and stimulants as now demanded, Raub's Practical Grammar is practical, and the best work I ever saw on that subject. Introduced neither but would advise their use.

To the teachers and scholars, to the members of the High, the parents, and citizens, I am very grateful for the cheerfulness with which my suggestions have been received, and the respect shown me in the discharge of my duties, IMPARTIALLY, I trust.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

A. W. MITCHELL, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

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